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For : HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE TYPE FLUID TREATMENT  
DEVICE

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 15, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following:

A copy of a translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, with respect to patent family member International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/005870.

A copy of a Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, with respect to patent family member International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/005870, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 53-31828; and

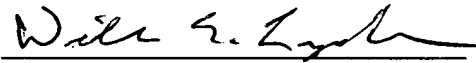
Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-111836.

The relevance to the above-noted documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner applying International rules to the claims, is set forth in the International Written Opinion.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application. Further, the above-noted documents have previously been cited to the Examiner in the IDS filed February 15, 2006. Thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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